CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

May 2025

When: 7 p.m., May 21

Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville

Presenter: Bruce Smith

Topic: Continental Currency

May meeting

Continental Currency financed the American Revolution. Issued from 1775 through 1779 in denominations ranging from 1/6 of a dollar to 80 dollars, this paper money featured vignettes that told a story and sent a message about the struggle of the 13 colonies to gain independence. Many notable personages were signers of Continental Currency. In the first instance of economic warfare, it was widely counterfeited, and special blue counterfeit detector notes were issued as a result. The value of Continental Currency fell to as low as 1/1000 of face value, yet some speculators became wealthy when an Act of Congress authorized redemption of Continental Currency at a 100 to 1 ratio. Despite the fact that its depreciation gave birth to the phrase "not worth a Continental," this money has been appreciated by collectors for well over a century.

April meeting

Garlene Smithson was our speaker and her topic was Service Station Gas Game Tokens. Garlene took us back in time with the story of 31-cent gas and reviewed the various promotions that several gasoline companies used in the middle to late '60s to draw in customers. This included simple collect-and-go games from Shell and Standard Oil featuring the U.S. presidents and States of the Union and the antique cars or landmarks games from Sunoco. - ***Chris***

March winners

Door Prizes: Steve Reymann (1989-D Congressional Commemorative Half Dollar MS69); Marie Gibbs (Marblehead, OH Lighthouse elongated 1909 cent); Charles Caldwell (1992-S Columbus Quincentenary Commemorative Half Dollar PF69); Jim Huffman (1968 Royal Canadian Mint Uncirculated Set); Garlene Smithson (2023 PDS Women in History quarters - Bessie Coleman); and Jim Belt ($100 movie prop money),

CONA President Steve Petty presents a speakers medal to Garlene Smithson

50/50: Joseph McCarthy's name was drawn for the 50:50 prize but was not present. The total of $99 (total $199/$99 split) rolls over to the next meeting.

Raffle: The winner of the 2016(P) ASE MS69 ANACS was Bruce Smith.

Club auction

Send June lots to Steve Barnett - sbarnet5@columbus.rr.com - by June 10 .

Board of Directors

ELECTION RESULTS: Jim Belt, Bruce Smith, and Gerry Tebben were the top three vote getters and will serve 3-year terms. Kerry Sherrill was also elected and will fill out the remainder of Geoff Gruendl's term.

NEXT MEETING: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, EES Group, 6321 Irelan Place, Dublin, OH 43016. All are welcome.

In memoriam

Carol Lee Barnett

OCTOBER 12, 1955 – APRIL 13, 2025

Carol Lee Barnet (Harper), 69, of Lancaster, Ohio, passed away peacefully at Kobacker House on Sunday, April 13. She spent her last days surrounded by family & friends.

Carol ("Carol, like Christmas!" as she would say) was born in Charleston, WV. She attended Parkersburg Community College where she received her Associate Degree in Nursing, followed by Marshall University where she received her Bachelor Degree in Nursing. While at Marshall, she was a dedicated member of the Phi Mu sorority, which remained near and dear to her.

After marrying Steve on June 30, 1979, and moving to Ohio, Carol spent many years as a Nurse, primarily at Grant Medical Center (aka "The Miracle Center"). She also spent many years as a clinical nursing instructor at Columbus State Community College. She made a significant impact on both co-workers and students.

Carol will be remembered most for her generous heart, sense of humor, fashion sense, and her unyielding spirit. Despite a life-long battle with health issues, she always had a smile, a joke, and a song. She was full of funny sayings, nicknames "Carol-isms", and would do anything to help someone in need. She loved spending time with her family, friends, and pets, attending church, researching family ancestry, and visiting Pensacola Beach.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Steve; her two children, Jackie Soler (Steven) and Brian Barnett; her granddaughter Hallie Soler; and many cousins and friends. Carol's greatest joy for 16 months was her granddaughter, who inspired her to fight until the last day.

Show update

With the show less than 4 months away stuff is starting to happen.

The raffle prizes are purchased, the tickets are being proofed and printed.

The $100 dollar drawing for dealers in place at 3pm at the show end is being reviewed.

We want to improve the quality of the hourly ticket prizes.

The book sale details are being worked out. The sale will be in the Post Room where group meetings are held. The format is expected to be similar to the sale we had several years back.

The Seated Liberty Collectors Club and Barber coins groups will not make this show, but will return in 2026.

The kid's corner will be covered by Lexa and Kerry this year.

The hospitality room will have a wider variety of snacks, healthier, less pub stuff, Kurig coffee makers

for a variety of blends. Plus, this year we'll have an an open/closed sign on the door.

We have a great core of people working the show, but we want to encourage more participation from club members that haven't experienced the behind the scenes operations. There are opportunities for everyone. It's not all physical labor, but it is helping the public enjoy the show.

These and more details are in the works. We look forward to having a great time. - ***Dan and Patty***

Secretary's report

President Stephen Petty called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. .

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT (Alexandra Petty): Lexa was not present, so Roger Serrot filled in for her. He stated there were 35 members in attendance plus 2 guests - Josie Penn and Nancy Calhoun.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Jim Huffman): Jim advised that the starting bank balance as of 3/1/25 of $10,384.08. No deposits were made, and with only a $24 check to Oakstone (cookies), the ending bank balance was $10,360.08. Petty cash had a starting balance of $571.16. An increase of $70.00 from the March 50/50 and an increase of $24.55 from the March club auction brought that amount up to $665.71. After payments of $30.00 for door prizes and $26.66 for engraving, the ending petty cash balance was $609.05. The Business Premier Plus account balance rose from $40,495.58 to $40,604.07. Also, Jim advised he'd filed both federal and state taxes for the club.

.PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Stephen Petty): Condolences were extended to Steve Barnett, whose wife, Carol, had just passed away, and a moment of silence observed for her and for Geoff Gruendl, who had also recently passed away. Stephen then passed out the ballots for the election of 3 new board of directors members plus one more to serve out the remainder of Geoff's term.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- OSCS (Patty Cass): Patty passed out the sign-up sheet for those willing to stamp postcards for OSCS. She also advised Tom Folgia from Lopop Coins would not be setting up & that Larry Briggs' status is still uncertain. In addition, Patty advised budget info will be presented at the May BOD meeting.
- Awards (Geoff Gruendl): With Geoff's passing, Steven Rayburn will take the lead on this position and be assisted by Steve Barnett & Stephen Petty.
- The meeting was adjourned @9:26 PM -- ***Chris Palmer***

Show & Tell

John Roberts brought in a "Battleship" note.

Bruce Smith had a spherical moon landing coin from Barbados

John Rieske shared 3 coins: 1) shekel of Tyre, 2) tetradrachm of Syria, & 3) prutah of Pontius Pilate;

Harold Spencer passed around a folder of the "oddities" he'd found during his roll-searching

Garlene Smithson showed the Standing Liberty quarter that her grandson was so excited to have gotten in change

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. -- ***Chris Palmer***

Hilltop auction

When: May 27, (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)
Where: Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

Upcoming coin shows

Columbus Coin & Stamp Show
May 18 10 am - 3pm
Makoy Center, 5462 Center St.M Hilliard
CONA members free admission
Future shows: June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept. 21

66th Shelby County Coin Club Coin Show
May 18 10 am - 3pm
American Legion Post 217
1265 Fourth Ave
Sidney, OH 45365
Free admission

Greenhills Classic Stamp & Coin Show
May 25 10 am – 4 pm
American Legion Post 530
11100 Winton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45218
Future shows: June 29, July 27, Aug 24, Sept 28

Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition Show
July 24 - 26
Friday 10 am - 6 pm: Saturday 10 am - 3 pm
Sharonville Convention Center
11355 Chester Road
Cincinnati, OH 45246

-***Compiled by Dan Carroll***

Speakers

June - Jim Belt, Penny boards.
November - Gerry Tebben, coins that tell stories
Undetermined - YN John Barsamian - Denver Mint
Undetermined - Brett Irick - Mexican coins

Speakers are needed for the summer and fall. If you're interested in giving a presentation, please contact Steve Petty at spetty@eesgroup.us or Bill Kamb at nfld73hh@gmail.com

Cincinnati raffle tickets

I have them for the July 26 show raffle

1st prize is a 1910 Indian half eagle.

Tickets are 25 for $20. See me at the meeting if you'd like a book. - ***Gerry***

Passing the queer in Columbus

Columbus Dispatch June 9, 1883

Counterfeiter Sentenced.

Judge Sage and the jury in the United States Court heard the testimony this forenoon for and against M. L. Mason, indicted for passing counterfeit silver money on the night of July 20, 1882. Mason is a pal of "Sheeney Joe" Overmyer, now serving a term in the Penitentiary, and has himself served a term for grand larceny. The money was procured from old John Brown, the notorious counterfeiter, who has spent about one-half his life in prisons here and there. Mason and Overmyer started out on the evening in question, having ten spurious dollars in his pocket. At one saloon he passed one of these, and tried it on at two others, but failed. After the warrant for his arrest was out, Deputy United States Marshal Ullery happened to go into a store for some marketing, when Mason walked right into his official embrace and was secured. He is about twenty-six years of age, and his parents are said to live in Michigan. He was defended by Colonel Allen Miller.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Is Looking for Volunteers

We're looking for friendly and service-oriented people to join us for the upcoming tax season. You'll receive training and support, learn new skills, and feel great while helping others. The program is looking for individuals in a number of roles to provide help to taxpayers. Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds.

Volunteers fill a variety of roles:

- ✔ **Counselors** work with taxpayers directly by filling out tax returns. If you have no previous experience, you'll get the training you need and will also receive IRS certification.
- ✔ **Client Facilitators** welcome taxpayers, help organize their paperwork, and manage the overall flow of service.
- ✔ **Technology Coordinators** manage computer equipment, ensure taxpayer data is secure, and provide technical assistance to volunteers.
- ✔ **Leadership and Administrative** volunteers make sure program operations run smoothly, manage volunteers, and maintain quality control.
- ✔ **Communications Coordinators** promote the program to prospective volunteers and taxpayers.
- ✔ **Speak a second language?** We have a big demand for bilingual speakers in all roles, especially dedicated interpreters who can assist other volunteers.

Make a difference in your community.
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or call 1-888-AARP-NOW (1-888-227-7669).

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